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Via ECFS
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Federal Communications Commission
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## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I was a AT&T customer for years, with DSL service. The service was slow, not very dynamic, and customer service from AT&T is horrible! I was happy to switch to sonic, and since using their fiber service, I am able to choose type of TV service I use (firestick), eliminate cords, and most importantly- the service works as advertised. Plus, they are local, and customer service is much better than I had experienced with AT&T

Competition is critical to consumers, since most of us have very tight budgets, and want to have the choice to use the level of service that works for our needs. As a consumer, I want the choice to change providers if the service is not what I need for my home and business; regardless if it is AT&T, Sonic, or any other telecom provider. I think if AT&T is allowed to monopolize the telecom market? I think would rather go with out, than deal with AT&T.

I am also concerned that large telecom companies will charge much higher prices, and not provide the level of service needed for today's needs. AT&T just needs to provide better service at a fair price, and stop using tactics to corner the telecom market.

I do hope that the FCC will have the best interests of the consumers in mind, and not bend to political will, and the deep pockets of AT&T- and others like them.

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